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MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,

Bangalore, Dated...1st..October.....*1942*.

Dear W Mehkri

With reference to your D.O.No.1759/C.B dated 30-9-42, I enclose copies of my two letters noted below for your information.

Message 2/29-9-42 addressed to Officer Commanding, Mysore Lancers.

No.2816-C2-468/42-43 dated 29-9-42 addressed to the General Secretary.

Sd/-
Dewan
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Yours Sincerely,

Mothamad-ul-Mulk
M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt., of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

C. C.

D. O. Message 2

Message Form. Time of Origin 1240/29-9-42.

To-- The Officer Commanding, Mysore Lancers, Major Shama Rao Sindhe, Arsikere; Capt. Bijili, Commandant, "C" Sqn., K.G.F., Rissaldar Katkar, Commandant, Detachment Bhadravathi; D.T.S., Deputy Commissioners, Shimoga and Kolar.

From:-The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.

"My letter No.2517-C2-468/42 dated 22nd Sept. is cancelled stop. The troops will remain at Bhadravati and K.G.F. in their present locations until further orders."

"Copy"

M. Krishnamoorthy
for Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

Letter No.2816-C2-468/42-43, dated 29th September 1942, from the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, Bangalore, to the General Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DASARA FESTIVITIES - 42.

Owing to altered situation and necessity for troops being detailed at the Kolar Gold Fields and Bhadravati, I have the honor to state that only one Squadron of the Mysore Lancers is being detailed to Mysore for Dasara Special Duties instead of two Squadrons as stated in my letter No.2521-C2-468/42-43 dated 22-9-42. This squadron leaves Bangalore on the 7th proximo and arrives Mysore on 8th morning.

This has been intimated both to the Huzur Secretary and Military Bakshi, Mysore.

Copy forwarded, with compliments, to the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore in continuation of this office No.2515-C2-468/42, dated 22-9-42.

Copy forwarded, with compliments, to the Military Bakshi, Palace, Mysore, in continuation of this office No.2515-C2-468/42 dated 22-9-42.

"C o p y"

M. Krishnamurthy
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops

S no 182
42-43.

Office of the Special Officer
On duty with Military Detachment.
& Special First Class Magistrate.
Camp Kadur Dated 9th Oct 42.

Daily Report 9th Oct 42.

It is reported that a stone was kept on the Railway line between Karadi and Tiptur Railway Station at 128th mile before No.53 up passenger at 21-15 hrs on 8-10-42, and the stones have been seized and kept under custody. Further details will be ascertained and reported.

The Chief Commandant wants that, the platoon now devided between Sagar and Talaguppa should be concentrated at Talaguppa; and the dismounted troops of Mysore Lancers at Nyamathi should be relieved by the troops of Palace Infantry from Bhadravathi - the former to return to Bhadravathi. Instructions have been issued to Risaldar T.N.Katkar and he has taken action accordingly.

The Deputy Commissioner Hassan was intimated as per instructions of the Chief Commandant that Jemadar Narayan Rao Magar and his two sections may be released and may be stationed at Arsikere if he found it necessary and otherwise to send them back to Kadur. He has just now intimated that they are required at Arsikere & will be stationed there. ⊖

It is reported from Captain Narayan singh from Sravanabelagola that the D.C. and D.S.P. left for Hassan with two sections and Captain Narayan singh and Lieut Devaiah have been asked by the Deputy commissioner to stay at Sravanabelagola till Tuesday. Though the situation there is stated to be calm at present, it is not known why the Military men are required to remain there for such a long time. The Deputy commissioner is being seperately addressed whether they cannot be sent back earlier.

At Kadur the situation is quiet and calm. And there is nothing special to report.

⊖ the DC says that the troops will be sent to Arsikere tomorrow morning.

Ranganathaiah
Special officer

9.10.1942

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt for favour of information

So. 179/42-43

Office of the Special Officer
On duty with the Military Detachment & Special First Class --
Magistrate Camp Kadur.
Date 9th October 1042.

Daily Report 8th Oct 42.

It is reported from Lieut Kareem Beig from Shiralkoppa that he had been to Belegere accompanied by the Sub Division Officer between 9 and 10 A.M. and that all was well there.

The Chief Commandant intimates that the army wireles sets will be withdrawn shortly. This will be a great handicap, especialy as Kadur is lacking in facilities of Telephone communication which Arsikere had. The only means of communication will be by means of Railway Telegraph.

Lieut Raghunath Rao informs from Davangere that nothing of importance was observed during the patrol duty with a section between Chikjajur and Davangere between 0330 and 0900 hrs.

Captain Narayan singh intimates that the situation at Sravanabelagola is calm though in surrounding villages it is reported to be bad. The military have visited Kantharajapura and Channarayapatna.

Lt-Col P.Basavaraj urs returned after a visit to Bhadravathi, Shimoga, Shikarpur, Issur and Jog. He left for Bangalore by the night train .

There is nothing more in particular to report.

Sets for print
Law Dept 11/10

Special officer.

8.10.1942
12/10

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt for favour of information
13/10

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42-43.

Office of the Special Officer
On duty with Military Detachment.
& Special First class Magistrate.
Camp Kadur Dated 11th Oct 1942.

Daily Report 10th October 42.

As the Deputy commissioner Hassan intimated that the Troops under Jemadar Narayana Rao Magar would be sent to Arsikere to day morning, myself and Major Shama Rao scindhe left for Arsikere by car to find out where they could be accommodated. Inspected the Travellers bungalow and found that the white washing of it had been taken up just now. It was ascertained from the ~~from the~~ Municipal - Office that there are still five cases of plague pending, though the deaths from the begining of the out break @@ were only two. Met the Amildar Arsikere and learnt that he was instructed to put up the troops in the Municipal High School building which is fairly far away from the town. But however the Troops did not arrive by the 1230 hrs train comming from Hassan.

Then met the Railway Station Master and P.W.Inspector of Arsikere and learnt from them that there have been no instances recently of any attempts to tamper with the Railway line or to cut the telegraph lines. Both were informed that they should promptly intimate any such incidents.

From the Electric Office, despatched messages to the Chief Secretary requesting early orders on my requisition for a clerk Typist and peons and to the General Manager Mysore Railways to send me a Railway pass immediately to enable me to travel on the Railway line without purchase of tickets . @

Then left for Tiptur inconnection with the incident reported in yesterday's Daily report ie placing a stone on the Railway line at 128th mile before No.53 up Passenger on 8-10-42. Made enquiries with the Railway staff at the Railway station. It was ascertained from P.W. - staff that the stone was of a fairly big size which could cause the derailment of the train, if it had been run over. From the taluk map, it was found that the spot in question was very close to the village by name PEDDANAHALLI. The stone had been given to the Railway Sub-Inspector, who was at Arsikere but was not found when enquiries were made of him. As it was a Shandy day at Tiptur, sent for some of

some of the persons of this village and the neighbouring villages. Only one Narasimhachari of Settihalli was found. The nature of the mischief and the most dangerous consequences that may result even from such an act, though it may look trivial was fully explained to him. He was asked to go to Peddanahalli the next day and explain the consequences to the villagers and tell them that the entire village people would be held responsible for any damages that would occur within their village limits. He agreed to do so. As it was already late and personal inspection of the spot would not be of any furthur use and as there was a shandy at Tiptur, did not go to the village in question. The Amildar was instructed to visit the village in the limits of which the stone was placed and the group of villages round about it and warn the villagers that they would be held responsible for all overt acts occuring to or on the line in their village limits, and they should also evince keen interest in guarding the Railway line and if they took up an indifferent attitude, punitive or collective fine would be imposed under the newly promulgated act. He was asked to make use of his Taluk Jamabandy to explain this position very clearly to the people of all the villages adjoining the Railway line and promised to do so. By that time, the Deputy Commissioner and District Superintendent of Police Tumkur arrived at Tiptur. Discussed with them the situation in that District. The Deputy Commissioner was anxious that there should be a Military Detachment at Tiptur.

1600 hrs. Then went back to Arsikere. Troops had not come there from Hassan. Reached Kadur by 1800 hrs. Saw the message from the Chief Commandant that the Head Quarters of the Military Camp should be shifted to Tiptur. Sent necessary messages to the Deputy Commissioner Hassan, Deputy Commissioner Tumkur and Amildar Tiptur in connection with this change. Made necessary arrangements with the Station Master Kadur for wagons to shift things from Camp.

Captain Narayan singh intimates from Sravanabelagola that under the instructions of the Law Minister who visited that place to-day they would stay till Tuesday, and situation there was quiet.

Lieut Kareem Beig intimates from Shiralkoppa that he visited VADDARAGERE, TADASANAHALLI, KADINANDIHALLI with the Sub Division Officer, that the situation is normal, that on their return journey the road was blocked by newly cut trees near 3rd mile stone on Shiralkoppa Hirekarur road.

There was night patrol between Davangere and Chikjajur by a party under Lieut Raghunath Rao between 2230 and 0400 hrs last night. Everything is reported to be O.K.

Another patrol party was sent from Kadur under Subedar Hyder Shariff at 1730 hrs. They had been up to Shivani station and came back by about 2230 hrs. Nothing untoward was observed or reported.

Every ~~thing~~ body is getting busy in the camp to Shift the same to Tiptur the next morning.

The Campers are in an excellently fit condition.

Ranganathan
Special Opns
10/10/42

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore

For Re-transmission to Bhadhravati via Palace Transmitter Mysore to:-

Risaldar Narayana Rao, Katkar, Bhadhravati

from The Chief Commandant

originaters number 1. dated

Text of the Message:

Palace Wireless set at Bhadravati will remain at Bhadravati for communication with D.C. Shimoga and Mysore. Inform D.C. Communication with ~~xrx~~ Major. Shama Rao at Kadur to be by Railwy Telegraph. Inform Major Shama Rao and tell him to have orderlies at Station to take messages from you and Bangalore.

Sd. Col. Vigors.

Time of origin 10-30 A.M. at Bangalore by telephone by K. Ravindran from the Chief Commandent. Received at Mysore at 10-36 A.M. by S. Ranganathan, Operator in charge Akash-vani, by communication.

Submitted to the Minister for Law
for his kind information
M. V. Gopalan

TSK/SR.

For re-transmission to Bhadhravati via Palace Transmitter, Mysore to

Major Shama Rao, Kadur (Copy to D.C. Shimoga) from the Chief Commandent.

Originator's number ~~xxx~~ 2 dated 9th

Text of Message:-

On O.C., M.L., recommandations concentrate platoon now divided between Talguppa and Sagar at Talguppa and relieve this mounted Troops of M.L., at Nyamti by Platoon of the Palace infantry from Bhadravati. This mounted troops to return to Bhadravati

Time of orign 11-45 A.M. at Bangalore by telephone by K. Ravindran from the Chief Commandent. Received ~~from~~ at Mysore at 12-27 P.M. by S. Ranganathan, Operator in charge Akash-vani by communication.

Submitted. The Minister for Law
for his kind information
M. V. Gopalaswami

Minister for LR
Dewan

TSK/SR.

11.10.1942

11th Oct 1942

1 P.M.

From the Chief Commandant, M.S.T. to Major Shama Rao Sindhe, Kadur. (Copy to Law Minister, Camp, Mysore

Message No.1 dated 11th Oct.1942:-

Palace telephone set will remain at Bhadravati and not shifted to Tiptur.

Chief Com'd
11/10

No. 44/Civil 2.

Dear Col. Vigors,

I have received your letter of the 11th October. I send enclosed copies of messages I have sent to the Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur and Hassan as regards their Military detachments at Arsikere and Tumkur. As matters stand, it appears best to leave the Chikmagalur detachment at Chikmagalur as long as the Deputy Commissioner wants it there.

Yours sincerely,

Col. M. Vigors, D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops,
Bangalore.

C. C. O. 1.]

Telephone No. { 2442 (office) 2662 (table)

Telegr. Address : STATROOPS

No.....

MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,

Bangalore, dated 11th October 1942.

FROM

COL. M. D. VIGORS, D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops, Bangalore.

Dear Mr Ramanathan

In continuation of my No 6 of 9th, which I got your reply that you agreed to my proposals I issued ~~SIR~~, No 1 of 10th copy to you.

This latter has the modified to this effect that—

(i) The Engine & Rake is stabled at ARSIKERE.

(ii) Palace M/T can not work off 25 Cycles at TIPTUR & is remaining at ~~Bdvt~~ BDVT.

We can get TIPTUR by Ry & E. Dept Telephones & BDVT is a useful link forward & back to MYSORE.

H.Q. move from KADUR to TIPTUR this afternoon & I shall be interested to see if the DC' TUMKUR & HASSAN give up their detachments.

I have noted that 1 PL of Inf will remain at SRAVANBELGOLA till Wednesday 14th.

As a result of your tour do you wish any changes made in dispositions & what is your opinion as to the necessity for the Train Escort & Pilot Engine on the northern Section of the Line?

Yrs sincerely
M. Vigors.

20 chargers with the

12th October 1942.
10-45 A.M.

Telephone Message from the Law Minister, Camp Mysore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur.

" KINDLY SEE CHIEF COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE TO YOU. THE FORCE HEADQUARTERS WITH MAJOR SHAMA RAO SINDHE IS NOW AT TIPTUR. PLEASE TRANSFER THE TUMKUR DETACHMENT TO TIPTUR AS ORDERED BY CHIEF COMMANDANT. THE FORCE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME YOU NEED. THIS WILL HELP YOU TO WITHDRAW SOME RESERVE POLICE FROM TIPTUR. "

12th October 1942.
10-45 A.M.

Telephone Message from the Law Minister, Camp Mysore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan.

" KINDLY SEE MESSAGES FROM CHIEF COMMANDANT. THE SECTIONS AT ARSIKERE MAY BE SENT TO TIPTUR HEAD-QUARTERS. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU WHEN YOU NEED HELP. SRAVANABELAGOLA PLATOON MAY BE WITH YOU UNTIL YOU CAN SEND IT TO TIPTUR. "

No. 45/Encl. 1.

My dear Srinivasan,

I enclose, for your information, copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, regarding the stationing of military detachments at certain places.

Yours sincerely,

K. Srinivasan, Esq., B.Sc.,
Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.

Nos: 42 & 43.

Suryanarayana Setti,

My dear ----------

Hirannaiya,

I write to confirm the telephone message which I sent this morning to you, as per copy enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

1. P. Suryanarayana Setti, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
   Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.
2. N. S. Hirannaiya, Esq., M.A.,
   Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

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12th October 1942.

Telephone Message from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, Camp Shikarpur.

To the Dewan, the Law Minister, the Finance and Revenue Minister, Mysore; and
The Chief Secretary and the I.G. of Police, Bangalore.

(Transmitted from Bhadravati.)

10-20 A.M. SITUATION IN ISSUR QUIET. FIVE MORE PERSONS ARRESTED. TOTAL ARRESTS SO FAR 29. AN ACCIDENTAL FIRE OCCURRED THERE YESTERDAY AND ONE HOUSE BURNT. FIRE QUENCHED BY POLICE AND VILLAGERS AND FURTHER DAMAGE AVERTED. ON INFORMATION OF OBJECTIONABLE ACTIVITY, VISITED KAGENAHALLI VILLAGE NEAR THE DAMAGED CULVERT ON THE SHIKARPUR - HONNALI ROAD, AND KUSKUR VILLAGE IN SIRALKOPPA AREA, BOTH IN SHIKARPUR TALUK, AND ARRESTED SOME PERSONS FOR DETENTION, AND ADVISED THE ELDERS. ISSUED THREE EXTERNMENT ORDERS FOR BHADRAVATI. SITUATION PEACEFUL.

Chief Sec 4
12/10
13/10

12th October 1942.
9-20 P.M.

from Bhadravati,

Wireless Message communicated by the Wireless Station. (261.)

From the D.C., Shimoga District, Camp Shikarpur

To the Dewan, the Law Minister, the Revenue Minister, Mysore; and the Chief Secy.,& the I.G.P., Bangalore.

SITUATION IN ISSUR QUIET. THE REMAINING WANTED ACCUSED ARE STILL ABSCONDING AND SPECIAL EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO TRACE THEM. VISITED SIRALKOPPA AND HIREKERUR FRONTIER AND MET THE BOMBAY POLICE OFFICERS ON SPECIAL DUTY AT HIREKERUR AND EXCHANGED INFORMATION. SITUATION IN THE OTHER PLACES IN THE DISTRICT IS PEACEFUL.

----- Chief Sec'y
12/10
13/10

D. O. No 84

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.
MYSORE STATE RAILWAY

Mysore, 12th October 194 2

Dear Mr.Ramanathan,

I am writing to inform you that the message received from you reading as under:--

> "Kindly see messages from the Chief Commandant. The Sections at Arsikere may be sent to Tiptur Head Quarters. They will be available for you when you need help."

was delivered to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, by the Railway Telegraph at about 11-45 hours today.

Yours Sincerely,

R. M. 12.10

Rajamantrapravina
A.V.Ramanathan, B.A.,
Minister for Law,
Camp - Mysore.

12/10

No. 365

CALL SIGN:
V. U. 7. M. C.

WAVE LENGTH
49·46 & 310 Metres

AKASH-VANI,

Mysore, ..12th..October..... *1942.*

No.

Sir,

I am directed to send you herewith a message received over the air from Akash Vani Sub-station, Bangalore, at 21 hours.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Akashvani
Assistant Director.

The Minister for Law,
(Camp) Mysore.

12/10 13/10

Message from Bangalore to Akash-vani, Mysore.

To Major Shama Rao, Sindhe, Tipatur.

From The Chief Commandant.

Originators number 2 dated 12th.

Text of Message;-

Cancel second sentence of my No.1 - of 12th. Davanagere platoon will furnish train escort of one section on up-night mail from Harihar to Birur. They will change at Birur and return to Harihar by Down Night mail from Bangalore. Escort to commence night 13th. You will arrange with O.C. Davengere for the best method of ~~rxxixsx~~ reliefs . If nessessary send extra officers. General Manager Mysore State Railways will arrange for accommodation and for meals at Harihar as required by O.C. Davengere.

Copies to Law Minister, I.G.of Polices, General Manager, M.S.Ry Lt. Raghunath Rao, Davengere.

Time of Origin 19.15. at Bangalore. (Chief Commandant)

Time of handing in -21.00.

S Ramanathan

Asst.Operator

12.10.42

Office of the Special Officer
On duty with Military Detachment, &
Special First Class Magistrate,
Camp ~~Kadur~~. Dated 12-10-42.

So no 188
42-43.

Daily Report for 11-10-42.

Practically the whole day was occupied in Shifting the camp from Kadur to Tiptur as per the orders of the Chief Commandant. In the morning, attended to the work in connection with getting necessary wagons to transport the camp equipment. Two empty wagons and one close wagon were obtained from the Bhadravathi station. The Special Train with these wagons arrived at Kadur station by about 1130 hrs

The party of the "Royal Signals" left Kadur with their wireless set to Bangalore.

The Camp broke and the special train left Kadur for Tiptur at 1440 hrs. It picked up the Detachment which had come to Arsikere from Hassan the previous night, under Jem Narayan Rao Magar at Arsikere The Train reached Tiptur by 1650 hrs.

Myself, Major Shama Rao and Adjutant C.R.S.Murthy travelled to Tiptur in car. On the way at Arsikere, proceeded to the Railway station. By that time, the special train conveying the party had come and Jem N.R.Magar and his men had boarded the train.

Sent message from Arsikere to the Chief Secretary to the Government, the Chief Commandant intimating that the camp had shifted to Tiptur.

Learnt at Arsikere that there was one more death on account of plague.

Reached Tiptur at 1640 hrs and surveyed the Travellers - Bungalow and the surrounding grounds for camping facilities. There is only one kitchen, which will suffice for Officers mess. There is no other building for running the kitchen for men. It was decided that a temporary shed should be put up to serve as kitchen, store room and dining place for men - it will be a fairly costly affair. Gave necessary instructions to the Revenue Inspector - As regards water supply, taps have not been given to the T.B. We have to depend upon the well in the T.B.compound from which water has to be drawn - The well is not fitted up with a pump. The possiblity of getting one or two temporary taps is being examined. On the whole facilities for water supply are very inadequate.

Sent messages to the Deputy Commissioner Tumkur, and Sub Division Officer Gubbi intimating them about the arrival of the Military Troops at Tiptur and requesting them to visit the Camp as early as possible.

The Deputy Commissioner Tumkur was requested to send the Detachment at Tumkur to proceed to Tiptur and join the main party -- immediately . It rained rather heavily in the night which caused certain amount of inconveniance .

Ranganathan
Special officer
12.10.42

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore for favour of information

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Secy 192/42-43.

Office of the Special Officer on duty with Military Detachment, & Special First Class Magistrate Camp Tiptur Dated 13th Oct 42.

DAILY REPORT 12th Oct. 42.

There were several arrangements to be made in connection with the camp at Tiptur. Met the Assistant Engineer Mr. R. Mahadevan. Fixed up the site and the dimensions for the kitchen shed to be put up, and contract was given to one L.S.Rao for proceeding with the work and completing it immediately . The Assistant Engineer - promised to give about 200 feet of pipeline to put up a temporary tap. Met the President Municipal council Tiptur and impressed upon him the necessity for temporary water connection to the camp. He readily agreed and gave necessary permission for putting up one or two taps. He was anxious that well water may be made use of for washing and bathing purposes. There is difficulty for securing pipe line. However arrangements are being made to give one or two taps.

In the afternoon the vice President District Board Tumkur arrived. Explained to him that the entire T.B. would be taken up for the Military Camp and the public may be notified that it would not be available so long as the Military were camping there. He had no objections for whatever works we might take up to give greater facilities to Camp.

In the evening the Deputy Commissioner Tumkur arrived and saw the place and the arrangements made. He gave an advance of Rs 1000 to the Amildar to meet the requirements of the Military camp for provisions etc, and after giving necessary instructions to the Revenue subordinates left for Tumkur.

As per orders of the Chief Commandant, the Military escort in the Mail Train from Harihar to Bangalore was withdrawn at Tiptur and the escort in the train from Bangalore was allowed to proceed to Harihar since escort is still continued between Harihar and Birur.

Lieut Raghunath Rao reports that the Railway line between Davangere and Chikjajur was patrolled between 0300 hrs to 0630 hrs and there was nothing to report

One platoon of "A"coy under Jem Thukkoji Rao left Tiptur for Frenchrocks late in the night. Lieut Ganapathi also accompanied the party.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt for information

Special Officer

The Message communicated to Bhadravati directly from ~~xxx~~ Akash Vani, Bangalore.

To the Palace W.T. Bhadravati,

From the Chief Commandant,

Originator's No.A. Dated 13th.

Text of Message

Reference suggestion your going back to Mysore you arem to stay at Bhadravati. I am refering the matter to Law Minister. Further instruction will follww.

Time of origin. 10.30 a.m.

Time of handing in 11.30 a.m.

S. Ramaswamy
Asst. Operator.

Submitted to the Law Minister for his kind information.

Chief
14/10

for Director.

19/10

So no 195
42-43.

Office of the Special Officer
on duty with Military Detachment.
Camp Tiptur Dated 14th Oct 42.

Daily Report for 13 - 10 - 42

From ~~to~~ 13th night, there will be Military escort party in the mail trains on the Harihar - Bangalore line only between Harihar and Birur as per orders of the Chief Commandant. The Military escort is discontinued on the remaining section.

Captain Narayan singh and Lieut Kareem Beig intimate that the situation at Sravanabelagola and Shiralkoppa respectively is normal. Intimation was received from Lieut. P.G.Ganapathi from Frenchrocks that he arrived there with the platoon safely at 0730 hrs He returned to Tiptur at 1500 hrs and reported nothing special at Frenchrocks.

Attended to correspondence in the afternoon.

The camp arrangements are complete. Protected water supply is made available to the camp. Sanitary arrangements are completed. Temporary lights are being given. - The camp has ~~settled~~ settled down nicely.

Captain Narayan singh arrived from Sravanabelagola and says that every thing is calm there.

The under trial ~~persons~~ prisoners concerned in the burning of the Tiptur Railway Station who were kept in some private house in the heart of the town were removed to the Government High School building . They are kept in custody there. I learnt that the case is posted for 16th instant. The local people seem to be very much interested in the proceedings, ~~as regards mischief to Railway or Telegraph lines reported~~ and are watching the same with great anxiety.

No incidents as regards mischief to Railway or Telegraph lines were reported.

Tiptur is ~~quite~~ peaceful and quiet.

Ramganathan
Special Officer.
14/10

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt
for favour of information

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KADUR DISTRICT.

SRINIVASAN, ESQ., B. Sc.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

Chikmagalur, Dated the 13th October 1942.

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your D.O. letter of 12th October 1942, and its enclosure regarding the stationing of Military detachment at certain places.

Yours sincerely,

Rajamantrapravina
A.V. Ramanathan, Esquire, B.A.,
Minister for Law,
"PADMALAYA"
Camp. Mysore.

13th October 1942.

12 Noon.

I.

From the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, Bangalore.

To Major Sindhe.

(Copy to Law Minister; and to D.C., Tumkur, for necessary action.)

YOUR NUMBER 1 OF 13th RECEIVED AND NOTED. REFERENCE YOUR NO. 3 OF 13th, FIRST SENTENCE, ENQUIRIES WILL BE MADE AS TO CAUSE OF DELAY. THE MESSAGE WAS DESPATCHED AT TEN HOURS. KEEP ORDERLIES AT RAILWAY STATION AND AT ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT STATION TO TAKE MESSAGES. REMAINING SENTENCES OF YOUR MESSAGE NOTED AND APPROVED. REFERENCE YOUR CAMP AT TIPTUR, IS THERE NO MUSAFIRKHANA NEAR STATION OR OTHER BUILDING SUITABLE FOR MEN'S KITCHEN ETC.? WHERE WAS ORIGINAL DETACHMENT QUARTERED? PLEASE REPORT AS TO CAMP'S MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND ASK D.C. TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

II.

From Chief Commandant, Bangalore.)
To the Law Minister, Camp Mysore.) (Origin of Message: 10-30 Hours.)

PLATOON INFANTRY ARRIVED FRENCH ROCKS AT 6-00 HOURS THIS MORNING. ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR TRAIN ESCORT ON HARIHAR - BIRUR SECTION. ESCORT WILL CHANGE AT BIRUR AND RETURN BY DOWN NIGHT TRAIN TO HARIHAR. PALACE W.T. SETS AT BHADRAVATI HAD SOME SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE. MAY THESE PLEASE BE TAKEN UP BY Dr. GOPALASWAMY?

----- Ch

13/10

Copy sent
Extract to the sent
to Gopalaswamy &
to the Palace Electrician
13/10 13/10

Message received at 10-30 hours on the 13th October 1942 from the Chief Commandant, Bangalore, to the Law Minister, Camp My.

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PLATOON INFANTRY ARRIVED FRENCH ROCKS AT 6-00 HOURS THIS MORNING. ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR TRAIN ESCORT ON HARIHAR - BIRUR SECTION. ESCORT WILL CHANGE AT BIRUR AND RETURN BY DOWN NIGHT TRAIN TO HARIHAR. PALACE W.T. SETS AT BHADRAVATI HAD SOME SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE. MAY THESE PLEASE BE TAKEN UP BY Dr. GOPALASWAMY?

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Issued

Memo No. 2072-78/CB

General & Revenue Secretariat,
Dated, (Camp) Mysore, 14th Octr.1942.

Copy of the above is forwarded

(i) to Dr. M.V.Gopalaswami, Director, Akashavani, Mysore,
(ii) to the Electrician in charge of the Palace Installation, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

for necessary further action.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Office of the Special Officer
with the Military Detachment,
Camp Tiptur. Dated 16th Oct 42.

Daily Report. 15th October 42.

Sanks
Law Dpt
18/10

Received a copy of the letter from the Chief Engineer Mysore Railways to the General Manager indicating briefly the main points of discussion he had with Mr. J.B. Mallaradhya,, the District Engineer, and the Assistant Engineer on 5-10-42, and also a copy of the circular issued by him regarding the apecial patrol of line during nights. According to this circular, additional watch men are proposed to be employed at the rate of one man for every 1½ miles on Bangalore-Harihar line, Bangalore to frontier, Holenarsipur to Arsikere, Bangalore to Mysore, and certain other sections where there was trouble lately; and this special patrol has been ordered to be taken up from 10th October. In the copy of the letter it is stated that the armed guard would be necessary, when sabotage is imminent, and for this purpose, armed guard may be kept, at some important stations where from they could be sent on requisition The Chief Engineer has not stated which are these important stations, why armed guard is necessary now and the number of men that would be required to be kept. He will be requested to clarify the position and intimate definitely in what way assistance of the Military is required and in what section of the line.

Major Shama Rao left for Davangere in connection with recruitment work. I went to Arsikere by the express train, met the Station Master and Assistant Engineer Railways and made enquiries about the present situation. Nothing untoward was reported.

The Assistant Engineer informed that 28 men were posted for Special patrol of the Railway line during nights in the section between Birur and Chikjajur and 26 men in the Chikjajur and Harihar section, from 14th instant, in accordance with the instructions of the Chief Engineer Railways.

The Amildar Arsikere says that the situation there is quiet and peaceful for the present. Met Mr. Venkataswamy and discussed with him about the arrangements for the supply of petrol at Tiptur.

Captain Narayan singh left for Bangalore. Lieut Kareem Beig sends a message from Shiralkoppa that he visited Byadagi, Holagondanakoppa and Kanahalli and all was quiet.

The Sub-Inspector incharge of the escort party intimates from Harihar that the waiting room on the plat form at Harihar which was given as lodging place for the escort party has been taken back by P.W.Inspector for being converted as a First Class waiting room, that the party is staying on the open platform which is quite unsafe, and that arrangements may be made for necessary accommodation. The District Traffic Superintendent Bangalore has been addressed to arrange for accommodation for the party immediately and a copy of the message has been sent to the Traffic Manager Mysore Railways.

No incidents of mischief or damage to the railway line are reported

The conditions at Tiptur are normal.

Ranganathan
Special officer
16/10/42

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt
for favour of information

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Office of the Special Officer
with the Military Detachment.
Camp Tiptur. Dated 16th-Oct-42.

Daily Report 14th October 42.

No incidents of any mischief in the Railway or Telegraph line were reported.

MR. D. Subbarao Sub-Inspector incharge of escort party was given four days casual leave in anticipation of sanction and Mr. Gaekwad who came from Bangalore was sent to Harihar to be incharge of the escort party between Harihar and Birur.

The D.C. Hassan was requested to arrange to return the two military lorries that are at Sravanabelagola.

The Amildar Tiptur reports that he had gone to Peddy halli and Kotenaikanahalli villages in connection with the report that a stone was kept on Railway line at 128th mile between 3rd and 4th telegraph posts and has obtained and sent the statements of the village Officers to the effect that they will take care to see that no mischief is done to the permanent way and they will warn all the people in their villages to the effect in the matter that they will be liable to collective fine in the case of any damage to the Railway property

Captain B.A. Azeem O.C. 2nd Bn, Mysore Infantry arrived here by car from Bangalore, in the evening.

Myself, Major Shama Rao & Captain Azeem went to Hassan and met the Deputy Commissioner. He wanted to retain the troops for some more time but he agreed to send back one of the Military lorries.

The question of enlisting recruits was discussed with him. He agreed to arrange to get the men that may be available on 19th or 20th and send intimation so that they may be inspected. Returned to the camp by about 2130 hrs.

The situation at Tiptur is quiet and peaceful.

Every thing is O.K. and comfortable in the camp. The Amildar is evincing keen interst in looking after the needs and comforts of the campers. All arrangements in the camp are completed.

Ramachandra
Special officer
16/10

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt. for favour of information.

CHIEF SECRETARY
22 OCT. 1942
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Office of the Special Officer
incharge of Military Detachment
& Special First class Magistrate.
Camp Tiptur. Dated 20th Oct 1942.

Daily Report for 19-10-42.

In the morning at 0900 hrs a message was received from Major Shama Rao scindhe from Davangere that seats were not being reserved for the escort party in the 34 down Mail train and that the small room given to the party for accommodation in Harihar station was taken back

As regards accommodation for the escort party at the station, the District Traffic Superintendent Bangalore has already wired to the station Master Harihar to place the waiting room at their disposal. As regards the reservation of seats in the 34 down Mail train, the Sub-Inspector incharge of the escort party also reported that inconvenience was felt for the accommodation for men, as the seats were not reserved previously alone.

To find out the state of affairs for myself and to see that proper arrangements were made to remedy the inconvenience, I started to Harihar in the express train. - At Arsikere, I met the Police Inspector Railways Bangalore who had come there in connection with the removal of the fish plates in 105th mile on 17th instant. I told him how some person of Lambanihatti could perhaps be at the bottom of the mischief and how he should also be one familiar in the Railway line work, as the spot is nearest to this Lambanihatti, and is open on both sides and how a person of any other village or Arsikere would not ordinarily venture to remove 4 pairs of fish plates which would take at least 10 to 15 minutes in such an open place like that. The police Inspector was asked to specially look in to this aspect carefully and arrange for Police patrol on the line during nights from Arsikere. I learnt that there are 19 Railway Constables at Arsikere and such a patrol can be easily arranged for some days.

Met Lieut Raghunath Rao who had been to Kodaganur for recruiting work at Kodaganur. He travelled with me up to Davangere.

Reached Harihar by 1830 hrs in the evening. The Railway rest house had been given for the accommodation of the escort party on 19th morning as some repairs and improvements are being effected to the waiting room.- The military men ~~here~~ are occupying the rest house.

rest house.- It is quite comfortable. Met the station Master and impressed upon him the necessity as well as the importance of looking after the needs and comforts of the men and also of the fact that accommodation for the escort party must be reserved in the down mail train every day as otherwise they would be put to considerable inconve - nience.

The Down Mail Train came to Harihar. The station Master had to find seats for the escort party by actually making the passengers vacate one compartment who were asked to go into other carriages. The station Master said that he had to resort to such proceedure almost every day and sometimes ,some passengers may refuse to vacate in that manner. I feel that this is not a satisfactory arrangement. The proper thing would be to set apart a suitable compartment for the escort party and to allow into it between Hubli and Harihar, only passengers travelling up to Harihar in which case that compartment would be automatically vacant at Harihar. This has to be arranged by the Mysore Railway - authorities in consultation with the M.S.M. Railway authorities. In case this arrangement is not possible for any reason,the other alternative will be to attach a small bogey to the 33 up & 34 down Mail Trains between Birur and Harihar. The point is whether the mail train can take this additional load. As the strength of the escort party is only,ten, the former seems to be more suitable. The Traffic Manager is being addressed seperately in the matter.

Travelled in the mail train up to Davangere. Met Major Shama Rao scindhe . He had received a message from Assistant Engineer Railways Arsikere that only one room in the rest house was ordered to be placed at the disposal of the escort party. Though as per the latest orders of the Chief Commandant,the escort party going to Harihar get back by the 4 down express,yet the party will have to spend two hours on the plat- form in the early hours of the morning between 0625 and 0815 hrs(the time of departure of the Express train). Again in the evening the party going in 3 Express to take up the escort work in 34 down mail have to spend nearly $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. So it is necessary to have accommodation for them in the rest house and for this purpose at least two rooms and the - verandha are necessary. The Assistant Engineer Railways will be intimated accordingly to issue necessary instructions.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
19 OCT 1942
GOVT OF MYSORE

Office of the Special Officer
in charge of Military Detachment.
& Special First Class Magistrate.
Camp TIPTUR Dated 18-10-1942.

Daily Report for 17th Oct 42.

A message was received from the station Master Arsikere at 1335 hrs in reply to my message sent the previous night at 2050 hrs enquiring why the patrol train was not sent, stating that no intimation was received by him to arrange the patrol train on 16-10-42,

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Halted for the night at Davangere.

Special officer.
20/10/42

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government for information

in the 105th mile between telegraph posts No.23 & 24. The spot was only about a mile and a half from Arsikere. Before we reached the spot, the P.W.Inspector came in his trolly and all of us went to the spot in the trolly. It was found that the place where the fish plates had been removed is on a steep embankment, which is quite open on both the sides . It is not in a cutting or a curve where one can feel that he cannot be observed. The P.W.Inspector told us that the gangman was able to trace and recover seven fish plates from a pit close by

close by and after he went to the spot one more fish plate was recovered. Out of 16 bolts and 16 nuts, 12 bolts and ~~eight~~ 8 nuts have been traced and 4 bolts and 8 nuts are missing. The missing ones had been replaced and the line was open for traffic. The taluk police are investigating the ~~occurrence~~ case. The spot is two furlongs from Lambanihatti of Katikere where a number of gangmen are stated to be residing. It was ascertained that the fish plates must have been removed in the early hours of the ~~the~~ morning but still the night patrol gangman never observed and reported it while the gangman of the day duty observed it at about 8 A.M. It must be stated that if the gangmen newly appointed for night patrol specially, keep vigilant and patrol properly during the appointed hours ie. 7 P.M. and 8 A.M. next day such incidents could be definitely averted. This will only be possible if efficient arrangements are made for checking the work of these night patrol gangman. As per ~~personel~~ circular orders of the Chief Engineer Railways the P.W. Inspectors are asked to trolly their sections at least once a week in the early hours from 4 A.M. to 7 A.M. and check their work. Though it is laid down in the Chief Engineer's circular that they must check these gangmen at least once a week, yet there may not be many who will do it more than once a week. Good work from these night patrol gangmen can only be expected when they are under a constant fear of being checked and punished severely, when found not on their work. Otherwise they are likely to patrol for only an hour or two instead of from 7 P.M. to 8 A.M. next day which is really a hard job, and sleep away for the rest of the time ; thereby the entire purpose of appointing them will be frustrated.

We met the District Engineer Mr. Viswanath at Arsikere platform and discussed the matter with him. He was doubtful as to whether any additional staff could be appointed to take up or help the P.W. Inspectors in this checking work which the latter are expected to do in addition to their normal duties . The question requires earnest consideration after the night watch is in force for some time and after observing how far it has been found useful.

We made enquiries with the Station Master Arsikere as to why the patrol train was not sent to Tiptur the previous day. He said that only one message was received from Tiptur on 16-10-42 and that was to the Assistant Engineer Railways Arsikere informing him

informing him about the programme of the patrol party and that no other message was received from Tiptur asking him to send the patrol train. It is really strange that a message to Station Master Arsikere which the Station Master Tiptur definitely asserts he has signalled to Arsikere , should not have been received in the latter station where as the message to Assistant Engineer has been received.

The fact that the patrol train was not made available inspite of requisition has separately been brought to the notice of the Traffic Manager and District Traffic Superintendent Bangalore for suitable action being taken.

Returned to Tiptur by 9-30 P.M. in the night.

The situation at Tiptur is peaceful.

Ramgamallah

Special officer
18/10/62

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore for favour of information

No. 2169/CB

No. 1445 CB dt 23.10.42

OCT 20 1942
No. 3386

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 22-10-42
No. 2043

Confidential.

To

The General Manager,
Mysore State Railway.

Dear Sir,

A copy of the report of the Special Officer in charge of the Military Detachment at Tiptur for 17-10-42 is sent herewith. He says that he gave a message to the Station Master at Tiptur addressed to the Station Master at Arsikere requisitioning a Patrol Train on the 16th Octr. 1942. But the patrol train was, not sent, and when the Station Master, Arsikere, was reminded in the matter, he replied stating that no intimation was received by him to arrange for the patrol train on the 16th Octr. The Station Master, Tiptur, definitely asserts that he has signalled to Arsikere and it is not clear as to why the message was not received by the Station Master at Arsikere.

It is understood that the Special Officer has already made a reference to the Traffic Manager and to the District Traffic Supdt., Bangalore, in the matter. In am to point out to you in this connection that unless the Railway Department co-operates whole-heartedly, it will be very difficult to protect them. I am also to state that the Dy. Commr., Kadur Dist. has reported that the Station Master, Tarikere refused to transmit a message. I am, therefore, to request that a general order may be issued to all railway subordinates,

instructing them to comply promptly with
all such requisitions in future. If the Dy. Supdt
does not comply with the ~~instructions~~ the arrangements for
Yours sincerely, the protection of the line of the Staff Commdr
will be effective

Chief Secy.

No. 2170/CB dt 23/10/42

Copy to the Spl. Officer, in charge
of the Military Detachment.

No. 2171-9/CB dt 23.10.42 ~~do. to the Dy. Commr., Kadur Dist~~

Copy to all District Magistrates.

CONFIDENTIAL

D. O.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore,.....194

(Camp) Mysore, 23rd Octr: 1942.

No. 2169/C.B.

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It is understood that the Special Officer has already made a reference to the Traffic Manager and to the District Traffic Superintendent, Bangalore in the matter. I am also to state that the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, is reported to have informed the Chief Commandant that the Station Master, ~~Tarikkx~~ Tarikere, refused to transmit a certain message. I am, therefore, to request that a general order may be issued to all railway subordinates, instructing them to comply promptly with all such requisitions in future. If the Railway Department does not co-operate whole-heartedly, the arrangements for the protection of the railway line or the staff cannot be effective.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. Mehkri,
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Rajasevaprasaktha
R.N.Mirza, Esqr., Fram.,B.Eng.
A.M.I.C.E., etc.,
General Manager, Mysore State Railway.

P. T. O.

Memo No.2171-9/C.B. General & Revenue Secretariat,

Dated, (Camp) Mysore, 23rd Octr: 1942.

Copy of the foregoing D. O. letter No.2169/C.B. dated the 23rd Octr. 1942, is forwarded, with compliments, to all the District Magistrates of Districts.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

ARMY FORM C-2128.
(Pads of 100.)

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups. GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO Lt Col BASVARAJ URS
TIPTUR

FROM Chief Commandant	Originator's Number 1	Date 22	In Reply to Number.

NYAMTI detachment of Palace Lnfy is to be withdrawn by you to BDVTO as soon as you have made the Railway arrangements the two troops ML under Lieut KATKAR are to be despatched to BANGALORE (1) Law Minister & DC SHIMOGA consulted and informed (1) Copy to OC ML Bangalore

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

SIGNED M Rigorde

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED, OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN. 1630

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22-10-42

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Office of the Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops, Bangalore,

No. 3094-C972/42 Dated. 23rd October 1942.

Reference:- Captain Bijili's phone message to the Personal Assistant to Chief Commandant from K.G.F

ORDER.

As agreed to by the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District. the following movement of troops is ordered:-

1. One platoon of 2nd Battalion stationed at K.G.F. will return to Headquarters on Monday the 26th instant.

2. The detachment of Mysore Lancers now at K.G.F. will return to Headquarters on Saturday the 31st instant.

Captain Bijili, Officer Commanding, Detachment K.G.F., will arrange for necessary accommodation required for the above troops with the Railway Authorities.

Col.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

Copy with compliments to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, Kolar.

Copy with compliments to the District Superintendent of Police, K.G.F. with reference to his conversation on the phone with the Personal Assistant.

Copy to the Officer Commanding, Mysore Lancers.

Copy to the Officer Commanding, 2nd Battalion. Mys.Inf.

Copy to Captain Bijili, for information, necessary action, and report.

Copy submitted to the Law Minister for information.

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Office of the Special Officer incharge of the Military Detachment, & Special First Class Magistrate Camp-Tiptur. 22-10-42.

Daily Report for 20-10-42.

At Davangere sent for the P.W.Inspector and told him that at least two rooms and the Verandha in the rest house would be required for the escort party and the Officers at Harihar.

Returned to Tiptur in the express train @ 7 Met Lt-Col. P. Basavaraj Urs who had arrived from Bangalore. Acquainted him with the present situation.

The Deputy Commissioner and the District Superintendent of Police Tumkur arrived in the evening. They made enquiries as to the comfort of the Campers. later They wanted to see how best to find accommodation for the High School class, as part of the High School building was taken up for keeping under trial ~~persons~~ prisoners and for holding the Special Magistrate's court to try the special cases relating to the burning of the Railway station and Goods shed. They left in the night.

No Incidents on the Railway line were reported.

Daily Report for 21-10-42.

There is nothing particular to report on this date.

The two sections of Jemadar Narayan Rao Magar which had gone to Holenarsipur on Deputy Commissioner's Orders have returned to -- Sravanabelagola. Everything is reported to be quiet.

Major Shama Rao Scindhe left to Bangalore by train and Captain B.A.Azeem O.C.2nd Bn, Mysore Infantry Detachment left to Sravanabelagola.

No incidents of any kind are reported on the Railway line.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt for favour of information

CB.

CHIEF SECRETARY * 24. OCT. 1942 * GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Special officer
Tiptur
22/10

Law Sp

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STAFF QUARTERS,
MYSORE.

To Law Minister

23/

Copy of message received at 0900 hrs this morning I do not know what time Mr Ranganathan message was sent

From Special Officer
To C. C No 3 of 22

Station master TELLAHUNSA & KODAGANUR wire that the R/gang men while patrolling the line on 21st night were ambushed at 2230 hrs by a gang of 20 men at mile 7/60 One was Servant & injured & 2 shots ⊙ Myself & Capt Azeem proceeding now & may I Kain

Dr Dist ANGERE

Dewan

23/10

Chief Sec'y

23/10

OCTOBER 1942.

TALAGUPPA	1 Platoon (40) Palace Infantry		
SIRULKOPPA			Lt. Kareem Beig
NYAMTI			
BHADRAVATI	1 Mounted Troop Mysore Lancers		Rls. Katkar
	1 Dismounted		Jem. Kesarkar
			". Sheik Ahamed
DAVANGERE	Lt. Raghunatha Rao & orderly		
	8th Pl. A.Coy. 2nd M.I.	32	Jem Puttasami
CHICKMAGALUR	16th Pl. D.Coy.	30	Jem. Chik Naik
TIPTUR	Major Shama Rao Sindhe, M.L. Commanding		
	Captain Azeem, 2nd Bn. M.I.		
	Lieut. C.R. Sreenivasa Murthi, Adjutant		
	Jemedar Narosoji Rao, G.Bn., Quartermaster		
	2nd Bn. H.Q. Det.	7 O.Rs.	
	Lieut. Ganapathy, Comd. A.Coy.		
	A.Coy. H.Q.	10 O.Rs.	
	7th Pl. A.Coy	34	Sub. Hyder Sheriff
	Lieut. Devaiah, Comd. D.Coy. H.Q.	10	
	18th Pl. D.Coy.	30	Jem. Krishna Singh
		84	
	Spare Indian Officer - Subedar Srinivasa Rao		
FRENCH ROCKS	9th Pl. A.Coy.	33	Jem. Thukkoji Rao
SRAVANBELGOLA (Possibly Hassan)	Lieutenant Devaiah		
	17th Pl. D.Coy	30	Jem. N.R. Nagar

Of the 84 Non-commissioned Officers and men at TIPTUR, 21 men for local guards. This only leaves about 60 - 70 men as a striking force.

K.G.F.	'C' Sqn. Mysore Lancers	Captain Bijili
	3 troops mounted)	
	1 troop dismounted)	
	1 Pl. 'B' Company	Sub. Cheluvaraj
BANGALORE	Composite squadron, Mysore Lancers	Officer Commanding, Mysore Lancers.
	Lt. Rahmathulla Sheh B.Coy (less 1 Pl.)	Captain Narayan Sir
	1 Pl. 'C' Coy.	
	1 Pl. H.Q. Coy.	

SECRET

Bangalore,
August 23, 1942.

No.2.

OPERATION ORDER
by
CHIEF COMMANDANT, MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

1. Reference para 5 of Order No. 1 dated 23. You will carry out the following Reorganisation at once by road and rail (the latter as far as possible).

2. Concentrate D Coy. which will be your strking force and H.H. Infantry at Arsikere under yourcommand.

3. Detachments of A Coy. will be located only at the following places:-

Davanagere	1 P.L.(less 1 sections).
Chickjajur	1 section
Birur	1 P.L.
Arsikere	Coy. HQ. and 1 section.
Tumkur	1 P.L. less(1 section)

4. You will assign limits of responsibility between ~~P.L.~~ PL areas for patrolling the railway and arrange for trollies including motor trolly at Arsikere for Coy Commander and 1 taxi.

5. These PLs. are not only for defence of the railway ~~xxxx~~ line, station etc. but also will be at the call of the S.D.O. or Amildar of the places where they are located.

6 (1) The Coy. of H.H. Own Infantry under your command will be divided into 3 train-escort parties each of one officer and 20 men. A party to escort train from Arsikere to Harihar and return to Arsikere. B party to escort train from Arsikere to Bangalore and return to Arsikere. C party in rest; parties will be relieved in rotation. In addition there will be a small number of men for exchange in case of sickness, guards etc. at Arsikere. A police officer will accompany each train escort party. The party will only act on the authority of this officer. Food arrangements will be made by railway authorities at Harihar and Bangalore.

(ii) These escorts will not come into force until your report that the arrangements ordered in paras 1 & 2 have been completed and then only on an order from me when the C. & M.Police will be relieved.

7. Mr. Rangamalliah, First Class Magistrate, will be located at Arsikere and will have powers in each of the Districts through which the railway runs. You will hold yourself and your force at his disposal.

8. Utilise to the fullest extent all railway transport, trollies, M.M.T.C. vehicles, also Bangalore transport buses if in good order and taxis for inspection.

Further, M.T. to be requisitioned if required on application to the local District Magistrates.

9. Report when arrangements are completed.

10. Acknowledge.

Sd/- [illegible]
CHIEF COMMANDANT,
MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

Copies to:(vide next page).

Office of the Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops, Bangalore,

No. 2975-C 972/42 Dated, 12th October 1942.

O r d e r.

The following exchange of officers and men will take place s follows

1. Captain Azeem, Commandant, 2nd Battalion, Mysore Infantry, ill relieve Captain Narayan Singh, 2nd Battalion, Mysore Infantry, t Force Headquarters on 14th October.

2. Lt.Col. Basavaraj Urs, Commandant, Mysore Lancers, will elieve Major Shama Rao Sindhe, Mysore Lancers, on 20th October nd will assume command of all troops operating in support of the ivil power on the northern line.

3. The following reliefs by platoons will take place.

(a) 10th platoon B.Coy. will leave BANGALORE on night 13/14 to relieve 8th Platoon A.Company at DAVANGERE.

(b) On return of 8th platoon, A.Company to Bangalore, 11th platoon B.Company will proceed to relieve 9th platoon A.Coy.

(c) On return of 9th platoon to BANGALORE 12th platoon and Coy.H.Q. B.Coy. will proceed to relieve 10th platoon A.Coy and Coy.H.Q.

(d) On return of 10th platoon and H.Q.A.Coy 13th platoon C.Coy will relieve 16th platoon D.Coy at Chikmagalur.

(e) On return of 16th platoon D.Coy. 14th platoon C.Coy will relieve 17th platoon D.Coy.

(f) On return of 17th platoon D.Coy 15th platoon and H.Q.C.Coy will relieve 18th platoon and H.Q. D.Coy.

4. Captain Azeem will arrange to take a cadet to act as Adjutant vice Lieutenant Sreenivasamurthy if necessary.

Jemedar Krishna Singh need not be relieved but if not now required for train escort may be returned to headquarters for educational duties.

5. Subedar Nanjaraj Urs of Garrison Battalion will relieve Lieutenant Raghunatha Rao.

Jemedar Narsoji Rao)
Subedar Srinivasa Rao) will be relieved in due course.

6. On return of detachment from Mysore the personnel of the Bhadravathi should be changed Troop by Troop of B.Squadron and Lieutenant Veerappaji Urs to command.

Three mounted troops of C.Squadron with 1 dismounted troops of H.Q. attached will be relieved by 2 mounted and 1 dismounted troop of A.Squadron under Lieutenant Sethunarain.

H. Vigors
Col.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

Copy to

The Law Minister,

The Inspector General of Police,

The Deputy Commissioners of Shimoga, Chitaldrug, Kadur and Tumkur Districts.

All concerned message dated 18-10-1942 (received on 20-10-1942), from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

Permanent Way Inspector reports as under:-

"To-day at 11 hours gangmate of 8th reports - last night some unkonwn persons removed fish plates and bolts were thrown into a pit close by filled with water only seven fish plates were secured, fish bolts not found proceeding to the spot, secured four points with fish plates and bolts, line now safe at 13 hours."

184/99. Submitted to the Minister for Law, for information.

for Secretary for Railways,
Government of Mysore.

Sono 219/42-43.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 27-10-42
No. 486

CHIEF SECRETARY
25 OCT. 1942
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Office of the special Officer incharge of the Military Detachment, Sapur Camp Davanagere.

Daily Report for 22-10-1942

A patrol party was sent in the early hours of the morning at 4-00 hours to patrol the Railway line between Arsikere and Banavar. After patrol, they reported nothing special.

Capt. Azeem returned from Sravanabelagola, after inspection of the troops. The situation at Sravanabelagola is stated to be quiet.

There was nothing in particular at Tiptur to report.

At 20 hours, messages were received from the Station Masters of Tolahunse and Kodaganur that gangmen who were patrolling the Railway line on 21st night were assaulted by a party of twenty men of Hirethogaleri village at 22-30 hours at mile 17/6, that one of them Jathia Naik was seriously wounded and two others slightly injured.

As this was rather serious in nature, and looked as if attempts were made to intimidate the gangmen by causing hurt and prevent them from doing their duty of patrolling, myself and Captain Azeem decided to go to Davanagere immediately to find out what measures could be taken to prevent such occurences, if it was the work of any people associated with subversive activity.

We left for Davanagere in the mail train.

Daily report for 23-10-1942

At Davanagere met Mr.Thimmaraj Urs,D.S.P.for Railways, Police Inspector Railways and Mr.Purnachar, A.S.P.Davanagere. Learnt from Mr.Poornachar and the Police Inspector, Davanagere that Hirethogaleri village was free from congress activity and there were no persons in that village who were likely to foment or support any subversive activity. One of the injured Jatya Naik was brought to Davanagere from Kodaganur by the Police Inspector of Railways,Mr.Puttamariappa. He had a bandage over his head. It was ascertained from him that they were beaten by Hirethogaleri villagers, alleging that they were responsible for the theft of goats in the village and groundnuts from their fields. To ascertain the exact cause for the incident, myself, D.S.P.Railways, A.S.P.Davanagere, Police Inspector of Railways and P.W.Inspector went to Kodaganur. When the station Master

Kodaganur was asked why the gangmen were beaten, he said that he did not make enquiry on the point and simply transmitted the message as narrated by the gangmen without enquiring why they were beaten. This looked very surprising as to how a station master could not be anxious to know the cause for the gangmen being assaulted and beaten. Then went to Hanumanahalli, made enquiry with the patel Giriyappa and inspected the spot between 17/5 and 17/6 and the field belonging to patel Basappa of Hiretogaleri village. Between telegraph posts 17/5 and 17/6 bloodstains were found on some stones. Then went to Hiretogeleri village and made enquiry. It was learnt that four goats were stolen on the night of 18-10-1942 from the house of one Chowki parasappa and the villagers were trying to trace the culprits. On the night of 21-10-1942, gangmen Jotya Naika and Nanya Naika were patrolling the Railway line and met Rama and Devala gangmen who came patrolling from Tholahunse side and all of them were sitting near the Railway line between 17/5 and 17/6. Suspecting that these gangmen might have been respon-sible for the theft of goats from parasappa's house and ground-nuts from the fields of Halappa and Kariappa, about 10 persons of Hiretogeleri village including patel Basappa, his son Murigappa, chowki parasappa, kulambi Hanumappa, somehow learning that they were there, assaulted the gangmen and beat them. The Railway police are investigating into the case which was registered under sections 143, 147, and 324 I.P.C. and 103, 104 of Mysore Railway Act. The assault on the gangmen was found to be not connected with any subversive activity intended to damage the Railway line. It seemed to be due to the gangmen being suspected of theft. Returned to Davanagere by trolly in the afternoon. Sent messages to the Chief Secretary to Government, Inspector General of police, and Chief commandant intimating the position.

Met the Sub Division officer, Davanagere and discussed with him the situation in the town, and sub-division

Received a message from Tiptur camp to the effect that on 22-10-1942 at 16 hours Telegraph and Telephone line at 5/9 and 10 and 11 between Chickjajur and Amritapur were cut by some unknown person; and that on 21-10-1942 in 41st mile, some wires were cut and insulators were broken, that everything was rectified at 20.00 hours on the same date.

It was also intimated by the Lt. Col. Basavaraj, from Tiptur that on receiving a message from D.S.P. Tumkur that a bus carrying arrested persons was mobbed by villagers, a platoon was sent at 16.20 hours to Chikkanaikanahalli.

Halted at Davanagere for the night.

Ranganathan
Special Officer incharge
of Military detatchment,
Camp Davanagere.
24-10-1942

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt. for favour of information

Ranganathan
Special officer

24.10.1942

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27.10.1942

Dear Sir,

I request you to kindly permit to go over to Bangalore next Sunday i.e. on 1.11.1942 as I am anxious to meet you in person and represent certain matter regarding my duties as special officer here. Also I want to take that opportunity of attending to the needs and requirements of my people who are staying at Bangalore. If permitted, I will leave this on Saturday evening. Awaiting your kind orders with most respectful regard.

Yours Sincerely

Ghulam Allah

Special officer

To

Mohamed-ul-mulk G.M. Mehkri Esq BA LLB

Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore

Camp. Mysore.

All concerned message dated 28th Odtober 1942, from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

Permanent Way Inspector, Arsikere, reports at 5/30 hours on 28-10-1942, as under:-

"Special watchmen patrolling between mile 105 and 106 between Banavar and Arsikere reports some unknown persons set fire to sleepers stagging at mile 105/3 at about 4/30 hours after 34 Down mail left spot, stagging is burning cannot be extinguished line protected. No.102 Down goods is detained at Banavar. Copy to Station Master, Tiptur, to deliver to the Special Officer and Military at his".

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All concerned message dated 28th October 1942, from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

Guard and Driver of 11 Up passenger dated report as under:-

"Train stopped at mile 1/6 between Arsikere and Hebbanghatta due to the burning sleepers completely burnt tanks about to fall on line unable to proceed further. Water coolies informed that a mob throwing K.Oil set fire, hence train backed to Arsikere. Train left Arsikere at 4/30 and returned at 6 hours and detained at Arsikere."

All concerned message dated 28th October 1942, from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

To-day 28th October 1942 at 7/40 hours Guard and Driver of 105 Up goods report as under:-

"While approaching mile 112/12 at 5/47 hours between Honnavalli Road and Arsikere found the Temporary water column at mile 112/10 on fire and burning, train stopped and helped gangs-mate and men on the spot to put out the fire, after clearing the fire from the line the train started. Detention 100 minutes. No.105 Up goods left Honnavalli Road at 5/35

P.T.O.

5/35 hours, arrived Arsikere at 7/45 hours, No.54 Down 102 will be started after the line is certified safe by the Permanent Way Inspector, Arsikere. Copy to Station Master Tiptur to deliver to Special Officer and Military at his".

No. 191-93/1044 dt 28-10-42

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to Government, for information.

K-M Devasamudram 28/10/42

for Secretary for Railways,
Government of Mysore.

Copy submitted to:-
1. Dewan,
2. Minister for Law &
3. Minister for Education.

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All concerned message dated 28th October 1942, from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

Further to my all concerned wire a.28/5, a.28/6 and a.28/7 of date track at mile 1/6, 105 and 160 and 112/10 between Arsikere Habenghatta, Arsikere-Banavar and Arsikere, rectified at 8 hours, 11/20 hours and 10/25 hours respectively and certified fit for passage of trains. Detention to train 150 minutes for 11 Up, 85 minutes for 137, 240 minutes for 54 Down, 255 minutes for 102 Down, Ex. Arsikere to Bangalore City, 230 minutes for 105 Up and 520 minutes for 102 Down, ex. Honnavalli Road to Arsikere.

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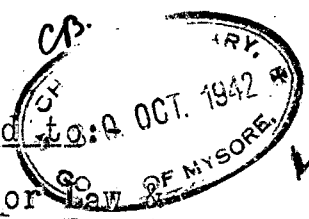
Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, for information.

K-M [illegible]

for Secretary for Railways,
Government of Mysore.



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"Special watchman patrolling between mile 105 and 106 between Banavar and Arsikere reports some unknown persons set fire to sleepers stagging at mile 105/3 at about 4/30 hours after 34 Down mail left spot stagging is burning cannot be extinguished line protected. No.102 Down goods is detained at Banavar. Copy to Station Master, Tiptur, to deliver to the Special Officer and Military at his".

All concerned message dated 28th October 1942, from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

Guard and Driver of 11 Up passenger dated report as under:-

"Train stopped at mile 1/6 between Arsikere and Hebbanghatta due to the burning sleepers completely burnt tanks about to fall on line unable to proceed further. Water coolies informed that a mob throwing K.Oil set fire, hence train backed to Arsikere. Train left Arsikere at 4/30 and returned at 6 hours and detained at Arsikere."

All concerned message dated 28th October 1942, from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

To-day 28th October 1942 at 7/40 hours Guard and Driver of 105 Up goods report as under:-

"While approaching mile 112/12 at 5/47 hours between Honnavalli Road and Arsikere found the Temporary water column at mile 112/10 on fire and burning, train stopped and helped gangs-mate and men on the spot to put out the fire, after clearing the fire from the line the train started. Detention 100 minutes. No.105 Up goods left Honnavalli Road at 5/35

P.T.O.

5/35 hours, arrived Arsikere at 7/45 hours, No.54 Down-102 will be started after the line is certified safe by the Permanent Way Inspector, Arsikere. Copy to Station Master Tiptur to deliver to Special Officer and Military at his"

No. 188-90/1044 & 28-10-42

Submitted to the Minister for Law, for information.

K.H. Ramaswamy Iyengar 28/10/42

for Secretary for Railways,
Government of Mysore.

Chief Sec'y
29/10/42

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Telephone message from Mr. Rngamalliah to the Chief Secretary to Government received at Mysore camp on 29-10-1942 at 1.10 P.M.

Originator No.1 of 29-10-1942.

Three sleepers stollen and their water tank between Arsikere and Banavar at mile 105/4, between Arsikere and Honnavalli Road at mile 112/10, between Arsikere and Hebbanghatta at 1/8 were set fire on 28th early morning. I visited the spot yesterday. Report follows.

Submitted for information.

Law Minister and Dowan.

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Office of the Special Officer
incharge of Military Detachment,
& Special First class Magistrate
Camp Tiptur. Dated 27-10-42.

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SECRETARY
9. OCT. 1942
GVT. OF MYSORE.

DAILY REPORT FOR 25-10-42.

Captain B.A.Azeem left to Bangalore by car inconnection with the selection of emergency cadets.

It was intimated by Risaldar T.N.Katkar from Bhadravathi that one troop of Cavalry was despatched from Bhadravathi to Hassan by train at 2015 hrs and the platoon of H.H.The Maharaja's Own Infantry arrived at Bhadravathi from Nyamathi.

Lieut Kareem Beig informs from Shiralkoppa that the situation is normal there.

The High School Classes at Tiptur are being held in the Middle school building from 12 to 5-45 p.m. and in the same building the Middle school classes are held in the mornings, as the High school building is taken up for accommodating under trial prisoners. There is no picketing near the school. The situation in Tiptur is quiet and peaceful.

No incidents are reported on the Railway line.

DAILY REPORT FOR 26-10-42.

The cavalry Troops arrived at Hassan from Bhadravathi. Lieut-Colonel P Basavaraj Urs left for Hassan to inspect the troops.

It is intimated by Lieut Raghunath Rao that on 25th night the 8th platoon left Davangere to Bangalore with Jemadar Hasseni Beig.

Instructions have been received from the Chief Commandant that train escorts should cease from 27th night. Accordingly instructions were issued to Lieut Raghunath Rao, Davangere that train escorts/ in the mail trains should be stopped between Birur and Harihar from 27th night and the fact was intimated to Lt-Col Basavaraj Urs at Hassan.

The attendance in the middle school on 26th was 170 out of the total strength of 383 and in the High School it was 97 out of total strength of 115. There is no picketing of school however two police constables are posted near the School to watch.

The General Manager and Chief Engineer Mysore Railways were addressed to furnish their views immediately as to whether patrolling

patrolling of any section , particularly between Davangere and Chikjajur , by Military was required.

The situation at Tiptur is normal . No incidents on the Railway line are reported.

Ramgowalkar

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt for favour of information

So. 229/42-43 CP

CHIEF SECRETARY 30 OCT. GOVT. OF

Office of the Special Officer.
incharge of Military Detachment.
& Special First Class Magistrate.
Camp Tiptur. Dated 29th Oct 1942.

Daily Reports for 27th & 28th Oct 42.

28-10-42.

There was nothing of importance to report on 27-10-42.

One platoon of "B"coy under the command of Lieut S.R. Shah arrived at 0100 hrs by the Bangalore mail train. They relieved the platoon of "A"coy who arranged to leave for Bangalore by the morning passenger train No.54., in which accommodation had been reserved. The train did not arrive in time. On going to the station to find out what the matter was, messages were received from the station Master Arsikere that the sleeper stagings under water tanks were set fire to in the early hours of the 28th morning between Arsikere and Banavara, Arsikere and Honnavalli Road and Arsikere and Hebbanghatta at miles 105/4, 112/10 and 1/8 respectively, all around Arsikere with a radius of 5 miles. This was rather alarming. So I immediately proceeded to the spot near 112/10 with Lieut M.B.Devaiah. The Amildar of Arsikere, P.W.Inspector and the Sub-Inspector of Arsikere had come just then and were making enquiries. The gangmen were quenching the fire but the sleepers had almost all been reduced to cinders. The spot is two furlongs from Honnasettihalli village, close to Adihalli tank. It was ascertained that night gangman Rangaiah was patrolling from Honnavalli Road side and Veerappa from Arsikere side, that they met near the water tank, between 0400 and 0500 hrs in the morning, that while they were there, about 20 men, some of them with white caps came from Arsikere side, threw kerosine oil on the sleepers and set fire to them. A kerosene oil tin of 1 gallon capacity was found near the spot and seized by the police. As the offenders threatened to put the gangmen into fire, the gangmen stated ran to Honnasettihalli close by and woke up the villagers. The patel and other villagers came to the spot and though they tried to quench the fire, it was of no avail as the whole thing had caught fire well. The offenders had run away by that time. The police are trying to get information from the gangmen as to the identity of the offenders and are investigating into the case. Then we proceeded to the spot near mile 1/8 on the Hassan - line, which is about two furlongs from Guntaganahalli. The staging had been completely burnt to ashes. There was a shed close by at about 20 feet from the staging, which was also burnt. It was stated that three Railway servants who used to pump up water to the tank were sleeping in

sleeping in the shed, during that night. One of them, Javara said that when they got up at the train time @ (ie. 0430 hrs at which No.11 passenger leaves Arsikere) they found the staging burning, that there were 10 or 15 persons near the water tank, that one of them (~~those sleeping in the shed~~) received a stone hit and they ran to show danger signal to the train that was expected there from Arsikere. These gangmen would have done well if they had chased and caught at least one of these mischief mongers.

Then we left for Arsikere. The Deputy Commissioner and Lt-Col Basavaraj Urs had come there from Hassan. Explained to them what had happened. It was gathered from the enquiries that the ~~stages~~ were set fire to in all the three places in the early hours of the morning between 0400 hrs and 0600 hrs and all the three places are just around Arsikere in different directions. As the distance separating ~~the~~ two ie. 105/4 and 112/10 spots is more than seven miles, the mischief in all three places does not seem to be the work of the same party; each might have been the work of a different party. Considering the local circumstances and feelings it was felt that all of them must be mostly from Arsikere. The Amildar and the local police do not suspect the people of the neighbouring villages. The Deputy Commissioner Hassan was considering the question of levying collective fine on the towns people of Arsikere as most of these mischievous incidents were occuring round about Arsikere during the last two months. In this connection he had a meeting with the leading persons of Arsikere, and severely warned them and deprecated the mischievous activities of the Arsikere people and clearly told them that he would recommend the levy of a collective fine on Arsikere town people.

Then went to the spot near mile 105/4 between Arsikere and Banavara; Lt-Col Basavaraj Urs had also come. The staging had been completely burnt. The Railway line is safe and the trains are passing. We warned the people of the adjoining village Kallinayakanahalli two furlongs from the spot that it was their duty to keep watch over the railway line in their limits and prevent such occurrences.

Returned to Arsikere and on to Tiptur by 2000 hrs in the night. The damage in each place was roughly estimated by the P.W.Inspectors at about ~~three to four~~ to five hundred rupees.

As a message was received from the District Traffic Superintendent Bangalore that the General Manager was coming by 53 passenger and wanted to see me, went to the Railway station at Tiptur at 2150 hrs and met the General Manager - and apprised him of the situation.

A message was received from the station Master Ramagiri that 4 insulators over telegraphic post No.46/2 were broken and 4 wires were hanging below their position. The local police will have to take action.

Patrolling of the railway line between Honnavalli Road and Banavar by the Military will be arranged from ~~tomorrow~~ 29.10. and also between Kodaganur and Chikajajur

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore for favour of information

Nanjundaiah
Special officer
29.10.1942

All concerned message dated 28th October 1942, from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

Further to my all concerned wire a.28/5, a.28/6 and a.28/7 of date track at mile 1/6, 105 and 160 and 112/10 between Arsikere Habanghatta, Arsikere-Banavar and Arsikere, rectified at 8 hours, 11/20 hours and 10/25 hours respectively and certified fit for passage of trains. Detention to train 150 minutes for 11 Up, 85 minutes for 137, 240 minutes for 54 Down, 255 minutes for 102 Down, Ex. Arsikere to Bangalore City, 230 minutes for 105 Up and 520 minutes for 102 Down, ..Honnavalli Road to Arsikere.

198/1047. Submitted to the Minister for Law, for information.

K.H Narasimha Rao

for Secretary for Railways,
Government of Mysore.

S.O.

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Office of the Special Officer incharge of military Detachment ~~[illegible]~~. Camp Tiptur. Dated 31-10-42.

Daily Report for 29-10-42.

Lieut. Raghunath Rao at Davangere was asked to arrange for patrolling the Railway line between Kodaganur and Chikjajur ~~to~~ on 29th night by sending 15 men and 3 N.C.Os in the 34 down Mail train and dropping 5 sepoys and one N.C.O. at the Stations of Kodaganur, Mayakonda and Sasalu. The patrol party were asked to walk to the next stations of Mayakonda, Sasalu and Chikjajur respectively and after reaching them return to Davangere by 33 up Mail Train.

Arrangements were also made for patrolling the Railway line between mile 120 and 104 by sending men from the Tiptur Camp in a lorry ~~lorry~~.

In the evening myself and Lt-Col. Basavaraj Urs left for Arsikere. Met the D.S.P.Railways & the District Engineer Bangalore, Assistant --- Engineer, District Traffic Superintendent Bangalore and also the General Manager, Mysore Railways who had come to Arsikere inconnection with the Inspections by the Inspector of Railways Government of India. The District Engineer said that the temporary Water columns between Chikjajur and Holalkere, and Birur and Shivapura should be guarded immediately by Military men. Discussed with the D.S.P. Railways about the burning of the water - Columns and how some people of Arsikere must be concerned with it. Returned to Tiptur at about 2200 hrs in the night.

Jemadar Thukkoji Rao informs from Frenchrocks that all was well there.

30-10-42.

A patrol party consisting of Lieut M.B.Devaiah , Jemadar Krishna singh and Jemadar Husseni Beig with 24 men patrolled between 0200 hrs and 0700 hrs and returned and reported nothing in particular.

Proceeded with Lt-Cpl . Basavaraj Urs to Birur with two sections. Met the station Master Birur and told him that one section would be stationed at the temporary water Column between Birur and Shivapura at mile 1/12 and gave him detailed instructions as to the arrangements that have to be made for their food. Proceeded to the water column and fixed up the site where the men have to stay ~~[illegible]~~. Returned to Birur and then left for Chikjajur. Reached Chikjajur late in the night

P.T.O.

night and halted there.

31-10-42

In the morning went to the temporary water column between Chikjajur and Holalkere, fixed up the place for the men- The Station Master Chikjajur agreed to send rations to the men who have to cook their own food at their place. Returned to Tiptur at about 1330 hrs. Submitted daily reports. I am leaving to Bangalore by 34 Mail Train as I am reported to the General and Revenue Secretariate as Assistant Secretary to the Government.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore for favour of perusal.

Ranganathaiah
Special Officer
31.10.1942

C.B.
1.11.42.

gram :- "Husec"

D. O. No 1170

THE PALACE,

MYSORE.

3rd November 1942.

My dear M. Mehkri

With reference to your D.O. letter No. 2328/C.B dated the 31st October 1942, regarding the relief of the Palace Infantry now stationed in the Shimoga District, I am desired to say that it is just now not convenient to arrange for relief and that this will be done in due course.

Yours sincerely

Sd/- [illegible]

Dewan

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4/11/42

Mothamad-ul-Mulk

M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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2328/CB

31 October 2

Dear Sir,

With reference to your phone message to-day regarding the relief of the Palace Military now stationed in the Shimoga District, I am directed to state that the same number of men and Officers may kindly be ordered to be sent to Shimoga in relief of the men now to be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) M. G. MEHKRI.

K. Guru Dutt, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary on the Personal Staff of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Chief Secretary to Government

No. 2329/CB

Copy is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops and the District Magistrate, Shimoga.

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Chief Secretary to Govt

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MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

D. O.

Telephone No. 2662
Tel. Address :
"STATROOPS."

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,

Bangalore, dated ....15-9-42.....194

Confidential

Dear W Ramanathan.

I feel I must write to you regarding the present disposition of the troops.

I for My office
Bn
15/9

As you know they were originally sent out for protection of the Railway Line between Tumkur and Harihar- one Company disposed at various stations and 1 Coy. as a striking force for use anywhere required.

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This striking force has now become dissipated through the action of Deputy Commissioners always asking for help when arrests are being made.

First of all one Platoon was sent to Chikmagalur, then another to Davangere and now lastly a third was sent on request from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, to assist the District Superintendent of Police in making arrests at Channarayapatna.

There is no one left at Force Headquarters at Arsikere and in fact this third platoon sent to Hassan is only 2 sections strong as remainder are required as camp guards etc.

Please don't think I wish to stop the military from doing everything in their power to help, but I feel that our dispositions are now ~~nullified~~ nullified and that soldiers are being used to do purely police duties. i.e. help in making arrests - vide reports received.

If there are not enough Police and the situation is so serious, then I have nothing to say, but I cannot believe the latter and as regards the first we have in Bangalore alone relieved over 80 armed Police and some others.

P.T.O

Many messages that we have received, have on investigation proved to be entirely without foundation or grossly exaggerated as for instance the obstruction at mile 24 between Dudda and Hassan.

Now as a result, night patrolling is also taking place on the Arsikere -Mysore line.

The Southern Army exercise terminated somewhat earlier than expected, so I came back last evening and will see you any time if you wish.

I do feel that unless you have news of wide-spread unrest, we might re-concentrate detachments again at Arsikere and ~~in a~~ after few days withdraw them to Bangalore if the situation permits

Yours sincerely
R. Signs

Rajamantrapraveena A.V.Ramanathan, B.A., B
Minister for Law

Chitaldrug force to be available in any northern area merely along Railway line

SECRET

No.2.

Bangalore,
August 23, 1942.

OPERATION ORDER
by
CHIEF COMMANDANT, MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

1. Reference para 5 of Order No. 1 dated 23. You will carry out the following Reorganisation at once by road and rail (the latter as far as possible).

2. Concentrate D Coy. which will be your striking force and H.H. Infantry at Arsikere under yourcommand.

3. Detachments of A Coy. will be located only at the following places:-

Davanagere	..	1 P.L.(less 1 section)
Chickjajur	..	1 section
Birur	..	1 P.L.
Arsikere	..	Coy. HQ. and 1 section.
Tumkur	..	1 P.L. less (1 section)

4. You will assign limits of responsibility between ~~P.L.~~ PL areas for patrolling the railway and arrange for trollies including motor trolly at Arsikere for Coy Commander and 1 taxi.

5. These PLs. are not only for defence of the railway ~~xxxx~~ line, station etc. but also will be at the call of the S.D.O. or Amildar of the places where they are located.

6 (1) The Coy. of H.H. Own infantry under your command will be divided into 3 train-escort parties each of one officer and 20 men. A party to escort train from Arsikere to Harihar and return to Arsikere. B party to escort train from Arsikere to Bangalore and return to Arsikere. C party in rest; parties will be relieved in rotation. In addition there will be a small number of men for exchange in case of sickness, guards etc. at Arsikere. A police officer will accompany each train escort party. The party will only act on the authority of this officer. Food arrangements will be made by railway authorities at Harihar and Bangalore.

(ii) These escorts will not come into force until your report that the arrangements ordered in paras 1 & 2 have been completed and then only on an order from me when the C. & M.Police will be relieved.

7. Mr. Rangamalliah, First Class Magistrate, will be located at Arsikere and will have powers in each of the Districts through which the railway runs. You will hold yourself and your force at his disposal.

8. Utilise to the fullest extent all railway transport, trollies, M.M.T.C. vehicles, also Bangalore transport buses if in good order and taxis for inspection.

Further, M.T. to be requisitioned if required on application to the local District Magistrates.

9. Report when arrangements are completed.

10. Acknowledge.

M. Figgis Lt-C
CHIEF COMMANDANT,
MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

Copies to:(vide next page).

Copies to:-

Major Shama Rao Scindia, Commandant at Arsikere .. 2

Lt.Col. Gopala Rao, Kille Kacheri Bakshi.

Mr. Rangamalliah.

Inspector-General of Police in Mysore .. 2

Deputy Commissioners of -

Bangalore, Tumkur, Hassan, Kadur, Chitaldrug and Shimoga Dists.

General Manager, Mysore State Railways .. 2

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore 5

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D. O.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, 16th September 194 2.

No. 1603-16/C.B.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite your reference to the Operation Order dated the 20th August 1942 issued by the Chief Commandant, Mysore Lato Troops, copy of which has been forwarded to you with my letter No. P.1232-30 dated the 22nd August 1942 and particularly to paragraphs 2 and 5 of the said order in which it has been intimated to you that the 'D' Company would be the striking force and the detachment of A Company will be located at the places noted in the said Order. From some of the reports received from the Deputy Commissioners, it is seen that the assistance of the military which has been kept for the protection of the railway lines and for use as striking force in case of emergency and beyond the capacity of the police force, has been sought for and availed of in work connected with small arrest etc. Your attention is invited to Sections 129 to 131 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in respect of the use of military force for the dispersal of unlawful assemblies. If the District Magistrates in the northern districts should have prompt assistance, it is necessary that the 'D' Company should be concentrated at Arsikere and should be located for use and when need for use of military force arises and should be sent back promptly. I am therefore to request that the military that have been requisitioned from Arsikere may be sent back there and additional police force obtained from the Inspector General of Police, if required.

You will find that you can use your police more effectively if you requisition motor cars or buses for moving armed ~~xxxxx~~ striking force. You are authorised to do so.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. Mehkri
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Dist: Magistrates of
Tumkur, Hassan, Kadur, Shimoga & Chitaldrug Dists.

Copy to D. I. G. P., C. C. of the D. B. Mandya

No. 1589-13/CB

16/9/42

To

The District Magistrates of Tumkur, Hassan, Kadur, Shimoga & Chitaldrug Dts.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite your ~~kind~~ reference to the Operation Order dated the 29th Aug. 1942 issued by the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, copy of which has been forwarded to you with my letter No.P.1222-30 dated the 23rd Aug. 1942 and particularly to paras 2 and 3 of the said order in which it has been intimated to you that the D Company would be the striking force and the detachment of A Company will be located at the places noted in the said Order. From some of the reports received from the Deputy Commissioners, it is seen that the assistance of the military which has been kept for the protection of the railway lines and for use as striking force in case of emergency beyond the capacity of the Police force, has been sought for and awaited for making arrests etc. in connection with ~~has been sought, for making arrests of leaders~~. ~~The Military has not been stationed for performing police duties and should be sent for only, when an emergency requires their presence.~~ I am therefore to request that ~~all~~ the military that have been requisitioned from Arsikere may be ~~ordered to get~~ sent back there, ~~under~~ to their places and their places taken by the additional police force obtained ~~if required on application to~~ from the I. G. of Police, if required. You will find that you can use your Police more effectively if your requisition for motor cars or busses for moving armed striking force. You are authorised to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secretary.

No. 1514-18/CB.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments to the Chief Commandant, M.S.T., Bangalore, and the I. G. P. in Mysore.

Chief Secretary.

Suitable for approval

Law Dept

16/9/42

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Sections 129 to 131 of the Code of Cr.P.C. in respect of the use of military force for the dispersal of unlawful assemblies. The striking force at Arsikere & the detachment elsewhere should be used only for the purpose. If the Dts. are in the northern Dts. should have prompt assistance, it is necessary that the D Company should be concentrated at Arsikere & should be ordered for as and when need for use of military force arises & should be sent back promptly.

No. 1516/A. 16.9.42

Copy forwarded, to Mr. J. B. Mallaradya, Spl. I Class Magistrate, Arsikere.

Chief Secy. to Govt.

M. 1516-15/CB.

D. O.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, 13th November 1942.

No. 2424-26/C.B.

C.F.Lethbridge.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to my D. O. letter No.1509-13/C.B. dated the 16th September 1942 intimating that the assistance of the military should not be sought for, except for the purposes for which it was intended, such as the protection of the railway lines and for use as a striking force in case of emergency and beyond the capacity of the police force. Although the military is not expected to be used for ordinary purposes such as making arrests or searches, I am to state that you may avail yourselves of the services of the military for preventing acts of sabotage, by lying in ambush, or for preventing gathering in one place of large groups of people from several villages or centres, bent on subversive activities. Such items may be discussed between your District Superintendent of Police and the local Commanding Officer and arranged. You may also keep in touch with the Commanding Officer at the Headquarters of the Main Detachment (now at Hiriur and shortly to be shifted to Arsikere) by correspondence or personally during his visits to your District.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. S. Venkoji Rao
Chief Secretary to Govt.

The District Magistrates,
Tumkur, Hassan, Kadur, Shimoga & Chitaldrug Districts.

Memo No.2499-2504/C.B.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the D. M., D. S. P. & City Comdt.

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Dear Sir,

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I am desired to invite reference to my D.O. letter No.1509-13/C.B. dated the 16th Septr. 1942 intimating that the assistance of the military should not be sought for, except for the purposes for which it was intended, such as the protection of the railway lines and for use as a striking force in case of emergency and beyond the capacity of the police force. Although the ~~help of the~~ military is not expected to be used ~~utilised~~ for ~~such purpose~~ ordinary purposes such as ~~that of~~ making arrests ~~etc.~~ or searches, I am to state that you may ~~take opportunity of the~~ availability of the services of the military ~~to utilise their services~~ for preventing acts of sabotage ~~etc~~ by laying an ambush ~~etc~~ or in some places ~~Commission~~ preventing ~~large~~ gathering of large

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Groups of people ~~from~~ ~~Localities~~ from several ~~Centres~~ villages or Centres, ~~for~~ bent on subversive activities. Such ~~arrangements~~ items may be discussed between your D-S-P and the local Commanding Officer. You may also keep in touch with the Commanding Officer at the Headquarters of the ~~Detachment~~ Detachment (now at Tiptur & shortly to be shifted to Arsikere) by correspondence or ~~by~~ personally during his visits to your Dn.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secretary.

The District Magistrates of Tumkur,
Hassan,
Kadur,
Shimoga, &
Chitaldrug.

No. 2499-2304/CB.

Copies to other District Magistrates,
Inspector General of Police, &
Chief Commandant.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telegraphic Address

OFFICE OF

the Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops,
Bangalore,

No. 9485- C972/41
Encls.

Date 23rd Novr. 1942.

MEMO.

To

Lt. Col. P. BASAVARAJ URS,
Officer Commanding, Internal Security Troops,
TIPTUR.

The Mysore Mechanical Transport Corps lorries placed at your disposal in Tiptur are to be returned to Head Quarters Bangalore, immediately. These lorries are required for recruiting work and for conveying grass to and from the Hesserghatta Grass Farm.

If any lorries or buses are required by you for Internal Security purposes at Tiptur or elsewhere, please obtain your requirements by indenting on the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts concerned.

Action taken to be reported.

Sd/- M.Vigors Col.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

Copy with compliments, to the Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur, Hassan and Chitaldrug.

Copy with compliments, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.

Copy to:--The Officer Commanding, M.M.T.Corps, Hebbal.

Copy to:--The Law Minister, for information.

M. Vigors Col.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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No. P.C.20/42-43
Encls. Nil

OFFICE OF
The Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District,
Chikmagalur.

Date 20th November 1942.

The Chief Secretary
To the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

As there does not seem to be need at present to retain the Military detachment at Chikmagalur, I am arranging to send them back to Tiptur, temporary Military Headquarters. I shall be however requisitioning their services if a need should arise in future.

I enclose for the information of the Government a copy of letter of even number and date addressed to the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

CHIEF SECRETARY, 22. NOV. 1942 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Tele gram / phone

OFFICE OF

The Deputy Commissioner,

Kadur District,

Chikmagalur.

No. P.C.20/42-43
Encls.

Date 20th November 1942.

To

The Chief Commandant,

Mysore State Troops,

Bangalore.

Sir,

As the situation in this District has more/or less come to normal and as I consider that there is no immediate necessity for stationing a platoon at Chikmagalur, for the time being, I am arranging, in consultation with Lt. Col. Basavaraj Urs, who is here to-day, to send back the platoon to Tiptur the temporary Military Headquarters. It is however not possible to foresee the event that may arise in the ensuing months. In case of necessity I shall be requesting the Officer in Command at Tiptur to send them back to Chikmagalur when the need arises.

I am also intimating the Government of the action taken by me.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. K. Srinivasanm,

Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

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Deputy Commissioner,
for Kadur District.

D.O. No 106-08

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.
MYSORE STATE RAILWAY.

Mysore, 28 November 194 2

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Dear Mr. Mekhri,

I send herewith a copy of Special Circular issued by my Chief Engineer about the arrangement made for the Special Patrol of Railway line for your information.

Yours sincerely,

M Venkatram

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M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Secretariat
Law Dept 1/7
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RD.

I hope copies of this have been sent to DC's all
Dy Supdts for their Cgs

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Yr ltr, Ch. Sec'y may send to
enclosure Executive Engrs

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MYSORE STATE RAILWAY.

Office of the Chief Engineer,
Mysore, dated 8th October 1942.

To

D.Es, A.Es & All P.W.Is

Special patrol of line.

In order to detect damages to track and works, Special Patrol of line during duck hours from 7 p.m. to 8-a.m. next morning, should be introduced on the following sections:—

1. SBC to HRR.
2. SBC to Frontier.
3. MLM to ASK.
4. SBC to MYS.
5. In certain other sections where there was trouble lately.

For this purpose additional men one man for 1½ miles i.e. two per gang should be employed. Those men must be on their beat (i.e. 1½ miles) all the time inspecting by walk the track and the Telegraph wires from end to end of their beat.

Each man should be given one hand signal lamp and eight detonators for use to protect trains when they notice damage to track. After protecting the place, they should send intimation to the nearest Station Master.

For this Special Patrol experienced gang-men should be collected.

The new men may be paid (Rs.11 + 5 H.P.A.) Rs.16/- inclusive of High Price Allowance.

District Engineers should put on this Special Patrol on all these sections by 10th October certain.

All Permanent Way Inspectors should be asked to trolley their ~~undertaking~~ sections at least once a week in the early hours from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. to check the men on this Special Patrol duty and record in their diaries, the result of all such special inspections.

In the existing day patrol extra men may be reduced to suit the locality.

M.Ramaiya
Chief Engineer.

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